Alberta Treasury
Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 24, 2000

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month	Month'00/ Month'99	Comments
Consumer Price Index	October			
Alberta	119.2	0.1%	3.6%	Alberta's CPI rose by 0.1% from September. The CPI for Canada increased 0.2% in October, and 2.8% from the same month in 1999 due to higher energy prices. The core rate of inflation (excluding food and energy) increased by only 0.1% in October and 1.5% over the same month last year.
Canada	114.6	0.2%	2.8%	
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	3Q, 2000			
Alberta	1,812	n.a.	8.7%[a]	In the first 9 months of 2000, Alberta's total farm cash receipts rose by 12.3%, the strongest growth in Canada. Increased revenues for hogs and cattle contributed to an increase in livestock receipts. Nationally, crop receipts were down 1.7% compared with the first nine months in 1999 due to poor prices for grains and oilseeds.
Canada	7,904	n.a.	6.0%[a]	
Retail Sales ($millions)	September			
Alberta	2,721	1.1%	8.3%	In September, Alberta retail sales increased by 0.4% from the previous month, while national retail sales were up 1.1%. From September 1999 to September of 2000, Alberta (8.3%) had the second largest increase in retail sales among the provinces behind Ontario (8.5%). Seven of the ten provinces showed increases from the previous month, while Newfoundland (-0.7%), Saskatchewan (-0.6%) and Manitoba (-0.4%) experienced declines.
Canada	23,549	0.4%	7.0%	
Wholesale Trade ($millions)	September			
Alberta	3,073	-0.4%	11.9%	In September, Alberta wholesale trade decreased by 0.4%, but increased 3.2% during the third quarter due to increased sales of industrial, equipment and metal supplies. National wholesale trade saw an increase of 0.3% in the third quarter.
Canada	31,590	-0.9%	4.8%	

[a] from 3Q 1999